In the Specification

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 37 through page 23, line 7 with the amended paragraph as follows:

Detection and quantification of aggregates formed *in vitro* from biotinylated GST-HD exon 1 fusion proteins. Various amounts of the fusion proteins GST-HD51DPBio and -HD20DPBio were filtered through a cellulose acetate membrane after a 3-h incubation at 37°C in the presence or absence of trypsin as indicated. (10A) Images of the retained protein aggregates, detected with streptavidin-AP conjugate using either a fluorescent (upper panel) or a chemiluminescent AP substrate (lower panel). (10B) Quantification of signal intensities obtained for the GST-HD51DPBio dots seen in A.[[.]] Fluorescence and chemiluminescence values are arbitrary units generated by the Lumi-Imager F1 and LumiAnalyst™ software (Boehringer Mannheim).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 11 through line 12 with the amended paragraph as follows:

Detection (11A) and quantification (11B) of aggregates formed *in vitro* from biotinylated GST-HD exon 1 fusion proteins using the dot-blot and microtitre plate filter retardation assay. Various amounts of the fusion proteins GST-HD51DPBio and -HD20DPBio were filtered through the cellulose acetate membranes after a 3-h incubation at 37°C in the presence or absence of trypsin as indicated. The detection and quantification of the aggregates was as described in Fig. 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 38, line 26 through line 29 with the amended paragraph as follows:

Essentially, the same results as with the dot blot filter retardation assay were obtained when the fusion proteins GST-HD20DPBio and -HD51DPBio were analysed with the microtitre plate filter retardation assay, indicating that this assay can be used for the high throughput isolation of chemical compounds from chemical libraries (Fig. 11A and 11B).

In the Drawings

Attached are 2 replacement sheet(s) for Figures 10 and 11 and two annotated sheet(s) showing the changes.